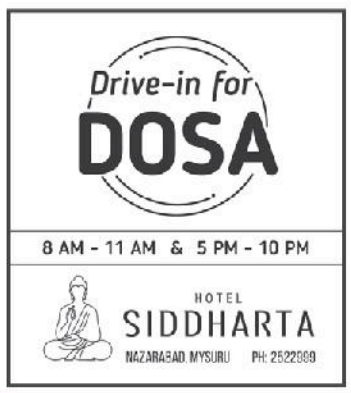

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Woman loses Rs. 87 lakh to online trading fraud

Two more youths from city cheated of Rs. 32.43 lakh promising part-time jobs

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (RK & BCT)- The online task scam, part-time job scam or online trading scam is spreading and many people in the city and nearby areas have reported losing money after falling for such offers, they received online. The scammers are contacting people through various social media platforms and duping them of lakhs on the pretext of offering an extra source of income. Ashwini, a senior LIC agent residing in Bogadi, fell victim to an online scam, resulting in a loss of Rs. 87,17,000. She lodged a complaint yesterday with the Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station.

According to Ashwini's complaint, she had received an annual commission with pending arrears from the LIC totalling Rs. 30 lakh, which she had deposited in her bank account. The scammers initiated contact with her through social media, offering a lucrative online trading and the promise to double money in her bank account.

(See ONLINE TRADING on page 7)

Inter-State fake GST claim racket

100 bogus firms detected; mastermind held in Mysuru

Shell companies issued counterfeit invoices worth Rs. 1,008 crore with illegal tax credit of Rs. 180 crore

Siddiq

Bengaluru, Jan. 19 (Agencies)- In a joint operation, the Commercial Tax authorities of Karnataka and Kerala have busted a large-scale fraud encompassing more than 100 bogus firms engaged in the issuance of fake tax invoices and creation of fake Input Tax Credit (ITC).

The mastermind behind this multi-State GST fraud, Mohammed Siddiq, was arrested in Mysuru on Wednesday. He faces charges related to obtaining dummy GST registrations through forged documents and facilitating a scrap business across Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.

According to Commercial Tax Department, Bengaluru, Siddiq played a pivotal role in generating fake tax invoices that allowed dealers to make spurious claims of ITC without remitting the corresponding taxes to the respective Governments following the initial transactions.

(See MASTERMIND on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 19th January 2024

10-day expo and release of books this evening

Mysuru, Jan.19- Rajyotsava awardee and former University of Mysore (UoM) Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna will release four books during the inauguration of the 10-day book expo organised by Navakarnataka Publications, Mysuru, at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road at 5 pm today (Jan.19).

The books to be released are — *Jerusalem*, a travelogue by writer Dr. Rahmat Tarikere, *Anjadiru Manave*, written by Gayatri Murthy, *Daari Deepagalu* and *Haadiya Hanathegalu*, a collection of articles edited by H.N. Geetha.

Journalist Ganesh Amingad and MMK-SDM College Kannada Department Head Dr. Vinoda will speak about the books.

The 10-day book exhibition features display and sale of a wide range of books on a variety of topics. There will be a 15 to 50 percent rebate on books.

The exhibition-cum-sale concludes on Jan. 28.

For more details, call Ph: 0821-2424094 or Mob: 94806-86863.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Even after 35 years of working as a Psychiatrist and specialising in the care of mothers with young children, filicide — the act of a parent killing his/her own child — never fails to cause me dismay and sadness, both for the parent and the child. Not surprisingly, filicide has been described as the "most emotive of all offences."

A mother killing her child goes against our notions of a loving, unconditional, kind and compassionate figure who will go to any lengths to protect her child from harm. Stories like the Judgement of Solomon or from the Jataka Tales where a mother would even gladly give up any claim to her child to protect it from harm, perpetuate this image. So, when a woman is suspected of killing her child, like in the recent incident of Suchana Seth, society is shocked and horrified because it goes against everything one knows about maternal love.

Women who commit filicide have been found to have high rates of childhood trauma and violent victimisation that persists into adulthood. While a majority of filicidal mothers do not have a criminal history, they have reported powerlessness, helplessness and social isolation prior to the offence. Especially in situations where there is separation or divorce, while the woman may escape a violent relationship, she may lose social supports and become more isolated, which may cause severe stress. Fathers who kill their own child usually have a history of previous violence or criminal behaviour, but this is usually not the case with mothers who commit filicide.

Families, schools and communities must pay more attention to children who are in families where there is parental discord, separation or divorce. Supporting parents and providing safe spaces for them to discuss their concerns and distress is necessary to interrupt the pathway of victims of violence to becoming perpetrators themselves. Women with mental illness with infants and toddlers should be identified early and the risk of suicide and infanticide highlighted to the family.

We should remember that filicides are preventable if family, community and health, as well as legal systems are vigilant and keep a child's welfare at the centre.

— Dr. Prabha S. Chandra in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man drinks a cup of coffee in 3.12 seconds

Frankfort: A German man broke a Guinness World Record when he downed a cup of coffee in 3.12 seconds.

The record-keeping organisation announced Felix von Meibom earned the title for fastest time to drink a cup of coffee in Frankfort.

Von Meibom's time of 3.12 seconds shaved .05 seconds off the previous record, which was set by fellow German and serial record-breaker Andre Ortolf in 2021.

A video of the successful attempt shows von Meibom chugging the mug of java while it is still hot and steaming.

Comic auctioned for 1.38 million dollars

Dallas: A copy of The Amazing Spider-Man No. 1 from March 1963 was auctioned for a record-breaking $1.38 million.

The issue, which features Spider-Man's first encounter with the Fantastic Four, is one of the only two copies to receive a grading of Near Mint/ Mint 9.8 from the Certified Guaranty Company.

The comic book, which was released only seven months after the character's debut in Amazing Fantasy No. 15, was auctioned by Heritage Auctions and fetched a high bid of $1.38 million, the most ever paid for a copy of Amazing Spider-Man No. 1. The previous record, sold in July 2023, was $520,380.

The auction lot also included a copy of Superman No. 1 that sold for $2.34 million and a copy of 1942's All Star Comics No. 8, the first appearance of Wonder Woman, sold for $1.5 million.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Gallbladder stones, also known as gallstones, are solid particles that form in the gallbladder, a small organ located beneath the liver. Gallstones can vary in size, ranging from tiny grains to large stones. The development of gallstones is a common medical condition, and their presence can lead to various symptoms and complications.

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Free second opinion consultation at Bharath Cancer Hospital

Mysuru, Jan. 19- As part of World Cancer Day and Social Responsibility, Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO) is offering a month-long free second opinion consultation on cancer through their expert team of Oncologists at Bharath Cancer Hospital on Hebbal Ring Road in city from Jan. 5 to Feb. 14 (on Fridays and Saturdays) between 10 am and 5 pm.

Dr. Y.S. Madhavi, Senior Radiologist and Medical Superintendent of the Hospital said "BHIO is more than 32-year-old exclusive cancer hospital which has state-of-the-art facilities to treat cancer patients. Our team of Oncologists has good understanding of cancer and experience of several years in treatment. Through second opinion one can gain access to their extensive knowledge and insights."

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"Second opinion also gives an opportunity to explore cutting edge treatment options that could potentially enhance your outcomes. It also allows for open discussions, where we address your questions, concerns and preferences collaboratively," she added.

Those interested should register their names by calling Mob: 95388-86679 or Ph: 0821-2300600.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Mint coins with images of

Lord Ram, Sita, Laxman and Hanuman

Sir,

All eyes are on Ayodhya now as the entire nation gears up to witness the 'Pran Pratishtapana' of the idol at Ram Mandir in Ayodhya with pomp and jubilation on Monday, Jan. 22.

India has a long tradition of coinage with images of Gods and Goddesses. At this juncture, I wish to draw the attention of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and earnestly appeal to have the images of Lord Sri Ram, Sita Mata, Laxman and Hanuman on the new currency notes / coins to commemorate this historic and auspicious occasion.

I hope that the Centre will consider this proposal and do the needful at the earliest.

— M.A. Madhusudan
on e-mail

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Staging of plays at Kirurangamandira

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (GA&DM)- The Bengaluru-based Antaranga-Bahiranga Samsthe will stage two humour plays on Jan. 20 and 21 at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises at 7 pm on both the days.

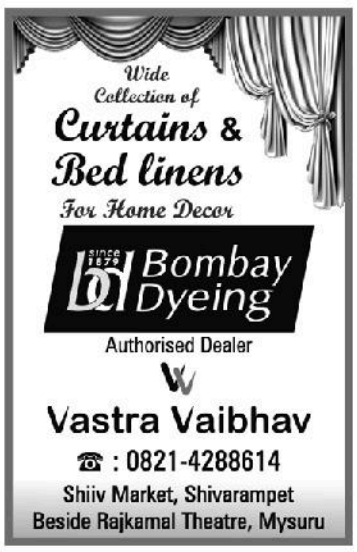
Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, senior theatre artiste Rajashekar Kadamba said that the play titled 'Hing Maadidre Henge' will be performed on Jan. 20.

This play is scripted by Nagaveni Rangan and is directed by Bosch Raghavendra.

On Jan. 21, the play titled 'Mr. Rao and Associates' will be performed. The play is scripted by Bhishma Ramaiah and directed by Bosch Raghavendra.

The poster of the plays was released during the press conference yesterday.

Suresh Babu, Bosch Raghavendra and Bhishma Ramaiah were present at the press meet.



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NEWS BRIEFS

CESC consumers interaction meet

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has organised consumer interaction meet at V.V. Mohalla, Hootagalli, Kuvempunagar and Ramakrishnanagar Sub-Divisional Offices tomorrow (Jan. 20) at 11 am. The consumers can air their grievances regarding power supply in writing and resolve the issues, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, V.V. Mohalla Division.

Bee Keeping training

Horticulture Department, Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Mysuru taluk has organised a training in apiculture (bee keeping) on Jan. 20 at Dr. M.H. Marigowda auditorium, Curzon Park near Kote Anjaneya Swamy temple, Mysore Palace North gate. More number of farmers should make use of the opportunity. For details, contact — Assistant Horticulture Officer, Kasaba Hobli - 99013-87284; Varuna Hobli - 72595-92484; Jayapura Hobli- 89046-73607; Yelwal Hobli - 99860-86262, according to Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, ZP.

Applications invited

The Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from eligible persons/ organisations registered under National Trust Act-1999, for nomination as members to District Local Committee. The last date for applying is Jan. 22. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2490333.

Training for farmers

One-day field based training on the topic 'Incorporating Drip Irrigation and Sprinkler Irrigation in horticulture and sericulture' for men and women farmers has been organised by Naganahalli District Agriculture Training Centre on Jan. 23 at Sollepura Hamlet Rehabilitation Centre, H.D. Kote taluk. Interested farmers may enrol their names by calling Agriculture Officers at District Farmers Training Centre on 9164397510. The training is open for 50 farmers, according to Deputy Director of Naganahalli District Agriculture Training Centre.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-811,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by B. Vijayashree, Kannada Teacher, Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara School, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Jan. 20 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115, according to a press release.

Revoke trade licences of shops selling banned plastic: Justice Adi

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (RK&BS)- Justice Subhash B. Adi, Chairman of National Green Tribunal (NGT) State Committee has instructed the officers to suspend the trade licence of those shops selling banned plastic materials.

Presiding over a meeting on the management and disposal of solid waste at Deputy Commissioner's office hall here on Wednesday, Justice Adi told Officers, "The use of plastic is prohibited in Mysuru city and district limits. Action should be initiated not just against those stocking and selling plastic, but also against those using them."

Health Officers should carry out inspection drives with the assistance of Police. It is inevitable to take action without showing mercy against those ignoring the law against selling and using plastic, despite creating awareness.

> Hazardous chemicals should be separated from solid waste and disposed off separately. Sites should not be released at those residential layouts that lack storm water drain, UGD, solid waste management and other basic infrastructural facilities. Planning officials should lay down these conditions and ensure implementation while sanctioning the plan.
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> **—Justice Subhash B. Adi, Chairman, NGT State Committee**

Besides, cleanliness should be maintained by scientifically handling the disposal of waste and its reuse, he added.

People should be made aware about segregation of dry and wet waste. The roadside vendors should also be made aware of maintaining cleanliness and officers should conduct periodic inspections to ensure hygiene, suggested Justice Adi.

Special impetus should be given towards maintaining cleanliness at Chamundi Hill, the most popular tourist spot, by shifting old shopkeepers to new shops. But why are the Gram Panchayat officers mum about the shops being run in violation of rules?" Justice Adi asked the officers.

Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff said, "Waste produced at homes is being segregated as dry and wet and disposed off in a scientific manner. The waste collected is dumped at three spots and handled in recycling units."

Official 'indifference' in granting time to discuss issues

MGP to hold Satyagraha at MCC Office tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (SPN&BCT)- In a democratic system, it is the duty of Government officials to address public concerns. However, the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has expressed dissatisfaction with the insufficient attention given to issues facing Mysuru City by various departmental officials, including the Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

In response to what they perceive as indifference from the official machinery, the MGP has decided to stage a Satyagraha — 'We the voters, are masters' — on Jan. 20 from 10 am to 12 noon in front of the MCC Office on Sayyaji Rao Road.

During a recent meeting at the MGP office in Yadavagiri, MGP Founder-President Bhamy V. Shenoy underscored the MCC's failure to address public complaints. Attempts to contact the Commissioner regarding issues such as park encroachment clearance, scientific development and footpath clearance have yet to be successful, with unanswered phone calls. He lamented the prolonged wait even when scheduling appointments for office meetings.

"After numerous attempts to meet with MCC Commissioners over the years, MGP is now resorting to Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha strategy. Our persistent demands include the removal of park encroachments, clearing footpaths, the establishment of ward Samitis, cessation of single-use plastic usage, maintaining city cleanliness, enhancing water supply and addressing the sewage overflow throughout the city," Bhamy Shenoy said.

"When we attempt to secure appointments with officials, even if granted, we often find ourselves waiting for hours. Any objections raised against such citizen-unfriendly treatment are met with disregard, with our calls going unanswered and resulting in even longer wait at times," he added.

Against the system

"Officers must understand that we are not targeting any specific official but are against a system that delays the redressal of public grievances. We strive to expose illegalities and unauthorised work done under the nose of officials. Unfortunately, they remain unresponsive," he said.

A significant concern raised by MGP Member Kiran is the violation of rules regarding park development. Despite regulations emphasising a focus on greening, authorities are reportedly engaging in construction activities within parks and rules are being flouted across all parks in Mysuru city. The decision to hold the Satyagraha on Jan. 20 is rooted in the MGP's commitment to the planned and legal development of Mysuru without any self-interest or other motives. Issues such as the plastic ban, park development, encroachment eviction cases, greening initiatives and urban lake encroachment have not received adequate attention from the authorities, prompting members to support the Satyagraha call, as discussed in the meeting.

Addressing various issues such as traffic congestion near Mysore Diganta Circle on New Kantharaj Urs Road during specific hours, the meeting focused on recurring problems, including traffic jams caused by multiple buses converging on the Circle simultaneously.

Additionally, congestion on the left side of the road leading to Sharadadevi Circle was attributed to hawkers parking pushcarts and autos for business.

MGP as a Trust

Concerns were also raised about the declining interest of recent youths in consumer movements. Recognising this trend and acknowledging the reluctance of youths to engage in consumer movements for various reasons, members unanimously agreed to Bhamy Shenoy's proposal to restructure the MGP into a Trust, collaborating with nine experts.

Before the meeting, a minute's silence was observed to pay tributes to the former MGP Secretary Mohandas M. Shenoy and former Executive Committee Member Maj. Gen. C.K. Karumbaya, SM (retd.), who passed away recently.

The meeting was attended by MGP Members, including Renu Agrawal, Roopa Palaksha, M. Janaki Raman, Faizan Basha, V.S. Sethuram, S.V. Shekhar, Kiran, Archana, B.S. Somashekar, Kausar, Dr. G. Panduranga Murthy, Dr. D.S. Chandrasekhar, Ravishankar, Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, D.V. Dayananda Sagar, Shobhana, M.S. Shivakumar Swamy, K.V. Ramnath, K.V. Bhanu Prashanth, V. Bhadri, G.V. Santosh Kumar and others.

Student goes missing from city

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (KS)- A 19-year-old girl student, who left her house on Jan. 1 at about 3.30 am, has since gone missing.

Rakshitha

The missing girl is Rakshitha, a B.Com student and a resident of Belawatha in Kesare. She is 5.2 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, oval faced, speaks Kannada and was wearing a grey coloured night pant, black T-Shirt and jerkin at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing girl may contact Narasimharaja Police Station on Ph; 0821-2418312 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Gowramma

Mysuru, Jan. 19- Gowramma (94), a resident of Vivekanandanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind three sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

B.V. Shivakumar Hiraaskar

B.V. Shivakumar Hiraaskar (71), proprietor of Royal Fabrics at K.R. Circle and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away yesterday evening in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Fifth Mysuru Literary Fest in city on Jan. 21

Mysore Literary Association releases poster

Mysore Literary Association President Prof. K.C. Belliappa (second from right) seen releasing the poster of Mysuru Literary Fest-2024 during the press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning. Others seen are (from left) Executive Committee (EC) Members Prof. Nirmala Chandraprakash & Prof. B.N. Balajee and Hon. Secretary Reginald Wesley.

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (GA)- The Fifth Edition of Mysuru Literary Fest-2024, organised by Mysore Literary Association, will be held at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in city on Jan. 21 (Sunday).

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning, Association's Founder President Prof. K.C. Belliappa, who is also the former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, said that **Dr. B. Nanjamma Chinappa,** Statistician, Translator and Author, will inaugurate the day-long fest at 10.30 am on Sunday.

Dr. Nanjamma

The inauguration will be followed by a session with **Prof. R. Indira,** Distinguished Sociologist, on the topic 'Ecotourism in Western Ghats - Who Gains and Who Loses?' at 11.30 am; **Prof. N. Manu Chakravarthy,** Film and Cultural Critic, on 'Reading Literature: Encountering the Spirit of the Times' at 12.30 pm.

In the afternoon session, **Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash,** Poet and Playwright, will make a presentation on the topic 'Translation as Creativity in Indian Literary Cultures' at 2.30 pm; **Anuradha Nalapat,** Visual Artist, Poet and Short Story writer, on 'Homunculus (Little Man) and the Art of Yo-Yo ing' at 3.30 pm.

Association office-bearers and members including former students, teachers and lovers of English literature will be present.

Those interested to participate in Mysuru Literary Fest, may contact Association Hon. Secretary Reginald Wesley on **Mob: 99806-56631** or email: *mlamysore2016@gmail.com*.

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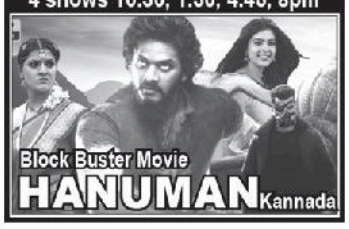

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Ranji Trophy - 2024

Bowlers strike early for Karnataka

Karnataka seamer Vyshak Vijaykumar in celebration after scalping the wicket of Goa opener Ishaan Gadekar.

Goa pacer Arjun Tendulkar** (extreme left) **keenly watching the match proceedings against Karnataka from the pavilion at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (MTY&VNS)- Hosts Karnataka, eyeing for a comeback against Goa after losing to Gujarat in the previous match in the ongoing Ranji Trophy Elite Group C match being played at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri here, had a decent start on the first day of four-day match today.

They restricted the visitors to 60 for the loss of three wickets in 33 overs at lunch.

Winning the toss and electing to bat, Goa opened with Ishaan Gadekar and Suyash Prabhudessai. For Karnataka, pacer Vyshak Vijaykumar struck early in the fourth over sending Ishaan (6) back to pavilion with just 7 runs on the board.

K.V. Siddharth, who joined Prabhudessai at the crease, could not add much to scoreboard as he was sent packing by pacer V. Koushik for a personal score of just 2 runs in the 13th over with a total of 17 runs. Snehal Kauthankar, walking in at number 4, added 33 runs partnership with Prabhudessai for the third wicket before left-arm spinner A.C. Rohit Kumar struck for the hosts in 23.4 overs scalping the wicket of Prabhudesssai (24). The score was 71 for the loss of 3 wickets in 38 overs with Snehal batting on 23 and skipper Darshan Misal batting on 13 at the time we went to the press.

Scorecard - Day 1
(1st Innings)

Goa: 71/3, in 38 overs, Suyash Prabhudesssai 24 runs, Snehal Kauthankar 23 not out, Darshan Misal 13 not out; **Karnataka:** V. Koushik 1/11, Vyshak Vijaykumar 1/14, Rohit Kumar 1/35).

Day-2: Hockey Mysore Men's Tournament

Chiran Medappa scores for Customs (Bengaluru)

Hubballi Hockey Academy and Hockey Hassan players involved in an intense match on Day - 2 of Hockey Mysore Invitation Men's Tournament at UoM Hockey Grounds this morning.

Mysuru, Jan.19 (MTY & VNS)- A four-goal haul, including a hat-trick, by Chiran Medappa helped Customs (Bengaluru) to overcome Hockey Dharwad by a margin of 8-0 in the first match of the Day -2 of the Hockey Mysore Invitation Men's Tournament being played the University of Mysore (UoM) Hockey Grounds here this morning.

While Chiran scored in the 7th, 25th, 27th and 37th minute, P.L. Thimmanna, Honnu Swamy, K.D. Biddappa and Chelsea scored in the 28th, 36th, 44th and 46th minute respectively.

In the other matches, SWR Hubballi defeated Hockey Belgaum 9-1 with Haresh (4th and 25th min) and Vithad (31st and 38th min) striking twice. In the third match of the day, Hockey Mysore defeated Hockey Gadag 2-0 with K.K. Bharath (3rd min) and Karthik (23rd min) scoring for the hosts.

Results - Day 2

Customs (Bengaluru) 8 bt Hockey Dharwad 0
SWR (Hubballi) 9 bt Hockey Belgaum 1
Hockey Mysore 2 bt Hockey Gadag 0

Results - Day 1

MEG Boys (Bengaluru) 2 bt Hockey Hassan 1
South Western Railways (Hubballi) 4 bt Bellary 0
Hockey Mysore 1 drew with AGORC 1
MEG Boys 2 bt Hubli Hockey Academy 1

Hamriyah Free Zone calls businessmen from Mysuru

Meet on expanding business to Sharjah, UAE held in city

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (MK&BS)-Ali Sayeed Ali Jarwan, Deputy Executive Director (Commercial Affairs), Hamriyah Free Zone Authority, Government of Sharjah, UAE, said that Hamriyah Free Zone Authority has created a conducive atmosphere for investment opportunities for traders or businessmen with wide land, sea and air connectivity.

He was speaking during a two-day interaction on 'Expanding Your Business Globally Through UAE, Hamriyah Free Zone Authority, Sharjah, UAE' organised by The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in association with Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) at a private hotel in the city on Thursday.

Jarwan said "Over 6,500 companies have already set up their base in Sharjah and most of the companies have their roots in India, which is a matter of pride. Sharjah has a cordial relationship with India and we offer huge business opportunities with tax exemption benefit. The transaction of business is guaranteed within a few hours after obtaining licence from Hamriyah Free Zone Authority, with an assurance of cooperation to expand business to other countries too."

Geomon George, Head-Business Development, Hamriyah Free Zone Authority said that Indian companies are attracted to Hamriyah Free Zone Authority to set up their business units. It can be also used for re-export to Africa and Europe. "Any company can open its office in the Authority paying less than Rs. 3.5 lakh Indian currency, with basic amenities like electricity and water provided and agreement for 25 years," he noted.

Unlike India, the tax charged is less in Sharjah, with the opportunities to run a tax-free business. With the storage facility, connected by a better road transport system, airport and sea route nearby, business can be carried out connecting to various other countries, he said and added that business can be expanded on the 'plug-and-play' model, with ample opportunities to establish a free zone and free zone company.

Over 100 industrialists from Mysuru region took part in the interactive meet. MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju, Legal Advisor to Hamriyah Free Zone Authority Rohit Kumar, Deputy Director of ASSOCHAM Irfan Alam, B.R. Bharati and others were present at the meet.

Image of elusive tiger captured

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (PM&VNS)- The image of elusive tiger that has created panic in Mahadevapura and surrounding villages in Srirangapatna, Mandya district was captured on the camera trap installed in one of the private farms in Channahalli on Wednesday night.

Though, there were complaints about the tiger movements in 'Shooting' Mahadevapura, Channahalli and Bidarahallihundi, there is no oficial confirmation. However, with the help of the images and pugmarks captured in the cameras the Forest Department has confirmed the presence of the tiger. The Forest Department has also installed at a total of 15 camera traps in nearby locations to track the movements of the tiger and also cages to capture the big cat.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Mysuru Circle Malathi Priya has been monitoring the operation to capture the tiger. Leopard Task Force (LTF) has been deployed at the spot. The forest officials believe that the tiger might have entered Gendehosahalli Forest Area as they found the carcass of a wild boar in the area which they suspect to have been killed by the tiger.

The department has urged villagers to be alert while working in the fields and moving around the vicinity. Contact Srirangapatna RFO on Mob: 99728 45176 and forest personnel on Mob: 94482 06917 and 94804 42454 to share information on sighting the tiger.

Mysuru Zoo sends giraffe Shankara to Hampi Zoo

Mysuru, Jan. 19- Shankara, the two-and-a-half-year-old male giraffe at city's Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as Mysuru Zoo, has been sent to Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park popular as Hampi Zoo at Kamalapura in Hospet, Vijayanagara district on Wednesday.

Shankara, which is 13.5 ft. tall, born to Bharatha and Lakshmi on July 12, 2021, was successfully transported in a large cage mounted on a special vehicle. The giraffe began his journey at about 8 am on Wednesday (Jan. 17) and reached Kamalapura Zoo at about 6 pm after travelling about 424 kms, where he joined a female giraffe.

Shankara was accompanied by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park Executive Director Ravikumar, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Veterinary Advisor Dr. K.V. Madan, animal keepers and staff. Shankara is the sixth giraffe to be spared to other zoos. In 2018, Gowri was sent to Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru, Jaya Chamaraja was sent to Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati in 2019, Yaduveer was spared to Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru in 2020, Adyaveer and Balaji were sent to Singapore Zoological Gardens at Singapore in 2021 and now (2024), Shankara is spared to Hampi Zoo.

Woman loses Rs. 87 lakh to online trading fraud

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Ashwini revealed to the Police that the scammers systematically lured her into sharing sensitive information, including her bank details, OTP, Aadhaar and other personal information, ultimately leading her into the trap.

Using the obtained credentials, the fraudsters applied for an online loan of Rs. 25 lakh fraudulently procuring the money. Additionally, they withdrew the entire Rs. 30 lakh from her bank account.

Online trading profits promised

In addition to the Rs. 55 lakh already in possession of the scammers, Ashwini was talked into parting with more money from October 2023 to Jan. 5, 2024. She was persuaded to invest further in online trading with the assurance of receiving an attractive sum in return. Succumbing to the promises made by the fraudsters, Ashwini systematically invested Rs. 32,17,000 during this period.

However, as the promised returns failed to materialise and suspicions arose, Ashwini attempted to contact the scammers through the provided phone numbers. Unfortunately, these phone numbers turned out to be untraceable, making it difficult for her to establish any form of communication with the perpetrators of the scam.

In her complaint, Ashwini has raised a serious concern, alleging that the information regarding the Rs. 30 lakh deposited in her bank account was leaked. She has expressed suspicion about the possible involvement of insiders within the bank in the perpetration of the fraud. The Police are actively investigating this angle and the potential breach of sensitive financial information.

Two cheated of Rs. 32.43 lakh

In other separate incidents, cyber fraudsters have targeted individuals with the promise of profitable job opportunities and investment returns, resulting in financial losses.

Harsha and Preethi fell victim to such scams, losing a total of Rs. 32.43 lakh. Harsha, a resident of T.K. Layout was enticed with a part-time job offer through Telegram app. The fraudsters then convinced Harsha to invest money, promising significant profits. Unfortunately, he suffered a financial loss amounting to Rs. 24.6 lakh.

Similarly, Preethi from Manasinagar was duped into investing money under the pretext of a lucrative opportunity, resulting in a loss of Rs. 7.83 lakh. In response to these incidents, both Harsha and Preethi filed complaints with the CEN Police Station.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, CEN Police Inspector said that on an average, two to three online cheating complaints are received daily. They underscore the importance of vigilance and caution when interacting online, especially in response to unsolicited job with financial offers.

100 bogus firms detected; mastermind held in Mysuru

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Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Department C. Shikha disclosed that these fraudulent firms were issuing tax invoices without actually delivering any goods. The investigative team had been monitoring these irregularities for several months before successfully tracking down Siddiq.

Department officials revealed that these bogus firms collectively issued counterfeit invoices totalling Rs. 1,008 crore, resulting in an illegal Input Tax Credit of Rs. 180 crore. This joint operation, spanning over two days and conducted in collaboration with Kerala State GST authorities, brought to light significant fraudulent activities, as stated in the press release.

"The accused utilised forged documents to acquire dummy GST registrations, thereby facilitating scrap businesses in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka. Subsequently, he issued fake tax invoices, misappropriating Input Tax Credit without remitting the taxes to the governments in the initial transactions," the press release added.

Officials emphasised that this scheme was designed to offset outward tax liability, evading GST cash responsibilities on outward supplies and leading to substantial losses to the Government exchequer.

The investigating team, led by the Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Vigilance) in Bengaluru, unravelled a systematic modus operandi employed by certain traders, with accomplices identified in Mysuru, Mangaluru, and Kerala. Additionally, officials identified the complicity of certain auditors and GST practitioners in these fraudulent activities.

The Department claimed to have successfully dismantled a GST fraud racket involving approximately 100 bogus registrations across Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.

Earlier arrest in Mysuru

It may be recalled here that early this month, the Officers of Headquarters Preventive Unit, Central Tax GST Office, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, had unearthed a sophisticated fake invoice racket, involving a tax evasion of over Rs. 14 crore for GST bills of Rs. 60 crore and had arrested Imran, proprietor of Rub Traders, Mysuru, on Jan. 8, 2024.

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Republic Day - 2024 celebrations in New Delhi

Mysuru youths featured in 'Mann ki Baat' get invite

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (BCT)- More than 100 prominent individuals mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 'Mann ki Baat' addresses are being invited for Republic Day 2024 in New Delhi on Jan. 26. Some of these individuals were felicitated during the 'Mann ki Baat@100' conclave organised in New Delhi in April last year.

S. Chandrashekar

S.B. Ranjith

An invitation has been extended to S. Chandrashekar and S.B. Ranjith of Yuva Brigade Mysuru to attend the event. They will be the special guests of the Central Government from Jan. 24 to Jan. 28 and have received an invitation and the letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs. Tickets from the Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru to the national capital have also been sent to both of them.

Chandrashekar told *Star of Mysore* that the Prasar Bharati is the coordinating agency and is individually extending the invitations to these individuals who have contributed in their way to the environment, women empowerment, social service and entrepreneurship, among other activities.

It may be mentioned here that in the 72nd edition of his monthly radio programme and the last 'Mann Ki Baat' of 2020 aired on Dec. 28, 2020, Modi appreciated the Mysuru unit of Yuva Brigade for restoring a 300-year-old Temple in Srirangapatna which was forgotten by people and had remained in a dilapidated condition for the past several years.

The Yuva Brigade's remarkable feat was published in *Star of Mysore* on Dec. 4, 2020, along with photographs under the title 'Yuva Brigade restores sheen of Ganjam's forgotten Temple.' Both Chandrashekar and Ranjith were actively involved in the task along with other team members.

Holding a letter before him that revealed impactful before-and-after photographs of the transformation of Veerabhadraswamy Temple in Srirangapatna, PM Modi had heaped praises on the Yuva Brigade. Initially obscured by widespread weeds and shrubs, the temple's plight gained attention when tourists shared a video on social media.

Responding to this, the Yuva Brigade took decisive action, clearing the overgrowth and conducting necessary repairs and construction. The local community joined their efforts, providing cement, paint and other contributions. Despite diverse professions, these youth dedicated weekends to the restoration, arranging an electricity connection and installing doors, reviving the temple's ancient grandeur, Modi had said.

Raksha Mantri Padak for city NCC cadet Kalpana Kuttappa

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (Akshay, MTY&BCT)- City NCC Senior Under Officer (SUO) Mukkatira Kalpana Kuttappa, associated with the 14 Kar Bn NCC in Mysuru, has been honoured with the prestigious Raksha Mantri Padak for the year 2023.

Kalpana Kuttappa

Kalpana stands out as one of the two cadets selected for this esteemed award, as announced by the NCC Director General, recognising her unwavering sincerity, dedication and outstanding performance within the NCC. The Raksha Mantri Padak comes with a cash prize of Rs. 30,000, a medal and a citation. Apart from her commendable contributions to the NCC, Kalpana is a renowned skater. She played a crucial role in the success of the Indian Junior Women 3,000m Relay Team, securing the 2nd position in the 19th Asian Roller Skating Championships held at Beidaihe, China in October 2023.

Currently pursuing her education at Christ College, Mysuru, Kalpana is the daughter of M.S. Ravi and T.K. Swathi, residents of Mahadeshwara Layout in city. Having embarked on her skating journey at the age of four, Kalpana has achieved excellence in both State and National-level Skating competitions, earning numerous medals, including 50 gold.

Her accomplishments extend beyond the national borders. Kalpana was a key member of the 16-person Indian team that participated in the World Speed Skating Championship 2023 held in Vicenza, Italy. She had previously represented India in the World Skate Games 2022, hosted in Argentina.

Mysuru R-Day contingent

A notable achievement for the Karnataka and Goa Directorate as 119 NCC cadets have been chosen to participate in this year's Republic Day Camp (RDC) being held in New Delhi.

The selected cadets include 40 from the senior wing (girls), 7 from the junior wing (girls), 63 from the senior division (boys), and 9 from the junior division (boys). Impressively, Mysuru contributes significantly to this achievement with 22 cadets, comprising 16 from the Army wing, 3 from the Navy wing and 3 from the Air wing.

Furthermore, two senior wing girl cadets from Mysuru have been chosen to be part of the cultural team and two cadets have earned the honour of being selected for the Kartavya Path Parade.

'Malagu Kanda' lullaby writer from Kollegal too invited

Kollegal, Jan. 19 (Nagendraswamy&BCT)- Balagunase M. Manjunath, the poet who was praised by PM Modi in his 98th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on All India Radio (AIR) too has got an invite to participate in the Republic Day event in New Delhi.

B.M. Manjunath with wife Pushpalatha

"I am elated on receiving the special invitation and even the tickets have been booked from Bengaluru to New Delhi. I will leave for Delhi with my wife Pushpalatha on Jan. 24 and return on Jan. 29," Manjunath told *Star of Mysore*.

Working as an LIC agent at Kollegal in Chamarajanagar District, Manjunath had won the first prize in the lullaby writing contest for his 'Malagu Kanda', a lullaby written in Kannada. The all-India devotional song, lullaby and rangoli contests were organised by the Union Ministry of Culture as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary (Ekta Diwas).

Manjunath won Rs. 6 lakh and a citation as part of the award. More than five lakh people participated in the competitions across the country. Soon after, PM Modi mentioned this achievement in his 'Mann Ki Baat' on Feb. 26, 2023.

"Friends, in the lullaby writing competition, the first prize has been won by B.M. Manjunath ji of Chamarajanagar district in Karnataka. He received this award for his lullaby 'Malagu Kanda' written in Kannada. He got the inspiration to write this from the lullabies sung by his mother and grandmother. Listen to it, you will enjoy it too," PM Modi had said.

The first stanza of the 35-second sound clip translated to English reads: "Sleep, sleep, baby, Sleep, my smart darling, The day is gone and it is dark, The goddess of sleep will arrive, From the garden of the stars, Will carve out dreams for you! Go to sleep, Go to sleep, Jojo…jo..jo… Jojo…jo..jo.."

Manjunath's poem

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Centre issues new guidelines for coaching centres

Restricts enrolment of students below 16 years

New Delhi, Jan. 19- The Ministry of Education, Government of India, announced new guidelines for the coaching centres restricting the enrolment of students below 16 years.

The guidelines is said to be part of the government's efforts to establish a legal framework to control the growth of private coaching centres. Regulations have also been framed following several complaints received by the Government with respect to increasing in number of students' suicide, fire accidents and lack of infrastructure.

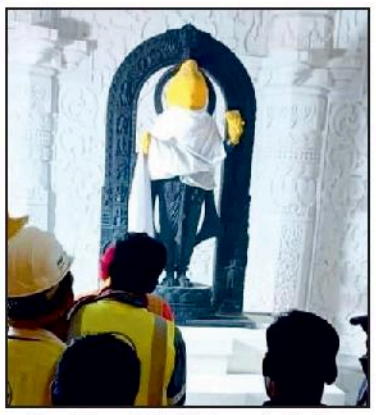
The new guidelines prohibits the coaching centres from making promises and guaranteeing ranks or good marks. It also stipulates that if any coaching centre, breaches the terms and conditions mentioned in the new guidelines, would be penalised with Rs. 25,000 for the first violation, Rs. One lakh for the second violation and revocation of the registration for subsequent breaches. It also compels the coaching centres to have a website with updated details of the qualifications of the tutors, curriculum/courses, completion duration, hostel facilities and fees being charged with a provision of refund if the students quitting the course in the mid-period.

The centres have been instructed to provide names of psychologists, counsellors and their time of availability to students and parents. The State Governments will be responsible for monitoring the coaching centre activities and verification.

The new guidelines is made available online by Ministry of Education, GOI. For details, click on *https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Guideliens_Coaching_Centres_en.pdf*

Ram idol carved out of a three-billion-year-old rock

Azure-coloured Krishna Shile is the oldest rock from South India, says city Professor



Krishna Shile rock from Gujjegowdanapura, H.D. Kote, that was used to carve Lord Ram idol. Picture right shows the idol carved by city sculptor Arun Yogiraj placed inside the Sanctum Sanctorum of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (BCT)- The idol of Lord Ram (Ram Lalla), carved by Mysuru sculptor Arun Yogiraj and now gracing the sanctum sanctorum of Sri Ram Temple in Ayodhya, has been chiselled out of a three-billion-year-old rock, according to **Dr. C. Srikantappa, UGC-Emeritus Professor (retired), Department of Earth Science, University of Mysore.**

Dr. Srikantappa

He said that based on extensive geological, petrological, and geochronological studies carried out by the Department of Earth Science, for more than three decades, it has been found that the rock used to carve the idol of Sri Ram Lalla is the oldest rock from South India.

The azure-coloured Krishna Shile (black schist) was excavated from Gujjegowdanapura at Jayapura Hobli in H.D. Kote Taluk. It is a fine to medium-grained, sky-blue-coloured metamorphic rock and this type is generally called soapstone, because of its smooth surface texture and is an ideal rock for sculptors to carve idols, he said.

Dr. Srikantappa said that geologically, rocks around Mysuru form a part of **Archaean-Dharwar craton.** The basement rocks exposed around Mysuru are sialic (rich in silica and alumina) in composition, termed Peninsular gneiss. U-Pb (uranium and lead) isotopic studies of zircon grains in gneissic rocks give an age of 3.4 billion years, suggesting that they are the oldest rocks exposed in South India. Such rocks are exported now to Europe from Mysuru region for ornamental purposes, he told *Star of Mysore*.

A group of metasedimentary rocks consisting of quartzites, carbonates, iron stones and pelitic rocks have been deposited on these basement rocks. These rocks are well-exposed around Sargur town towards the southwest of Mysuru city and hence the name 'Sargur Schist Belt' is coined. The presence of sedimentary rocks in the region indicate that the area was submerged under the sea in the geological past, he explained.

"A group of plutonic, layered igneous rocks of upper mantle origin of ultramafic-mafic (dark in colour and very low silica content) in composition have been intruded into sedimentary rocks of Sargur Group over three billion years ago. Based on mineralogical studies, ultramafic-mafic rocks show variation in composition from dunite, harzburgite, lherzolite, peridotites, pyroxenites and gabbros. Dunites contain chromites and magnesite which were mined at Doddakanya, Sinduvalli and Hullahalli near Mysuru," he said.

Chamundi Hill 700 million-years-old

Samarium-Neodymium (Nd-Sm) dating method applied to metamorphic garnet and zoned zircon within metamorphosed sediments of Sargur rocks establishes a metamorphic age of 2.5 billion years. In city, Chamundi Hill serves as a notable landmark, showcasing the youngest intrusive rocks of granitic composition, aged at 700 million years. Radiometric dating for these findings was conducted at IIT, Kharagpur and University of Bonn, Germany, he noted.

The rocks underwent high-grade metamorphism, where original igneous minerals such as hypersthene, diopside, plagioclase and spinels underwent alteration to secondary minerals like green-coloured actinolite/tremolite, white-coloured talc, green to sky-blue-coloured chlorite and red-coloured iron oxide.

This alteration rendered the rock soft, leading to the use of the term soapstone. The resulting altered rock exhibits a greenish to sky-blue hue, varying based on the modal amounts of minerals present, with a linear to medium-grained texture.

Religious events to mark Ram Mandir inauguration

Mysuru, Jan. 19- **H.V. Rajeev Swabhimanigala Balaga** has organised *Deepotsava* on Jan. 20 at Ramalingeshwara Temple, Vidyaranyapuram here to celebrate the inauguration of Ayodhya Ram Mandir on Jan. 22.

About 5,000 earthen lamps will be distributed to people to be lit on the occasion.

Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji will be the chief guest.

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, former Corporators M.V. Ramprasad and others will be present. The organisers have requested the public to participate in large numbers.

Zilla Brahmana Mahasabha in association with Sandhya Suraksha Trust, Sri Shakambari Dharmika Shraddha Kendra has organised Ramanama japa, Maha Ganapathi homa, Vasanthotsava on Jan. 22 at Shakambari Dharmika Shraddha Kendra, Devaiahanahundi, Srirampura, 2nd Stage in the city from 8.30 am. Interested may contact Mob: 80887-99540 or 88619-98817.

Basavanna declared as 'Cultural Leader' of the State

Bengaluru, Jan. 19- The Karnataka Government on Thursday declared 12th century social reformer Basavanna as the 'Cultural Leader' of the State. The announcement has come just a few months ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

The Cabinet decision is seen as the direct attack on BJP to woo the Lingayat voters in the State ahead of LS polls

In a social media post, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said pontiffs of various Lingayat Mutts had requested the Government to declare Basavanna as the 'Cultural Leader' of the State and he too was personally interested in declaring the 12th century social reformer as the 'Cultural Leader'.

"I am satisfied that our Government has fulfilled the demands of the pontiffs and I pray them to shower blessings on our Government," the statement added.

Terming Basavanna as his 'ideological guru', Siddaramaiah recalled that it was on Basava Jayanti in 2013 that he took oath as the CM for the first time.

MMC&RI Global Alumni Meet on Jan. 20 & 21

Mysuru, Jan. 19 (BS)- Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC and RI) is celebrating its centenary this year. On this occasion, a Global Alumni Meet is organised by MMC&RI, Mysore Medical College (MMC) Alumni Association and MAA Trust, on Jan. 20 and 21, at Platinum Jubilee auditorium, JK Grounds in the city.

It also includes a Centenary Oration Award ceremony, in which Prof. (Dr.) Matcheri Keshavan, MD, proud alumnus of MMC & Professor and Academic Head of Psychiatry, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre and Massachusetts Mental Health Centre, Harvard Medical School, will be delivering the centenary oration.

This will be followed by **IMPRESSIONS,** an event in which all senior and decorated alumni will be recalling their experience, love, gratitude and nostalgic memories on MMC campus.

The event will be a formal inauguration of Centenary Celebrations and will be attended by the alumni of MMC and RI who are settled across the country and abroad. There will be a feast of scientific sessions in which presentations will be delivered by distinguished alumni, who have excelled in their field of specialisation.

The meet will begin with a floral tribute and thanksgiving for founders of MMC and conclude on Jan. 21 with all alumni sharing their futuristic plans in holistic development of MMC and RI.

The programme will be inaugurated by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa on Jan. 20 at 5 pm. Dr. K.R. Dakshayini, Director and Dean of MMC&RI, will preside. The guests of honor include Dr. M.K. Ramesh, Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and Dr. M.A. Shekar, VC of Adichunchanagiri University, Nagamangala, Mandya.

Organising Committee Members Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Executive President, MAA, Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, Hon. President, Dr. H.B. Shashidhar, Secretary, MAA, Dr. Sarvesha Raje Urs, Treasurer and Executive Committee member of MAA, will be present.

Cartoon expo to create awareness on voting

Submit cartoons via e-mail by Jan. 20; on-the-spot cartoon drawing on Jan. 21

Bengaluru, Jan. 19- To create awareness among voters on the significance of voting in view of Lok Sabha elections-2024, a cartoon exhibition and workshop for artists has been organised near the statue of Basavanna at Vidhana Soudha premises here on Jan. 21 from 9 am, by the Office of Chief Electoral Officer.

Professional and amateur cartoonists, professional artists and art students can participate. The cartoons should be encouraging general public to participate in voting process and underscore the importance of voting. Selected 100 cartoons will be exhibited and best of 25 among them will be used for creating awareness. Suitable remuneration will also be given for these cartoons.

However, cartoons should not favour any political party or mock at them. They should be fresh and not used during any previous publicity drives. The cartoons drawn using graphics, brush, pencil, pen etc., should be submitted in digital format of 288 ppi/dpi dimension. The original copies of the cartoons selected should be submitted to the Election Commission.

Cartoons may be mailed to *mediacellceokarnataka@gmail.com,* along with name, address and mobile phone number by Jan. 20. Those drawing cartoons on-the-spot should be present at the designated place on Jan. 21 at 9 am.

For details contact Media Cell, Office of Chief Electoral Officer, on Mob: 94808-41211.

Kakanakote, a powerful performance

Rangayana's Bharateeya Rangashikshana Kendra, Mysuru, will be staging the play 'Kakanakote' at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises on Jan. 20, 27 and 28 at 6.30 pm

The only thing better than a good book is a play bringing it to life. Bharateeya Rangashikshana Kendra, Mysuru, staged the play *Kakanakote* on the second day of the Sankranthi festival series at Vanaranga, Rangayana, Mysore. The play was directed by S. Ramanatha of Kollegal. The play already popularised by the movie of 1977, is based on Masti Venkatesha Iyengar's story.

Kakanakote is an interesting depiction of the plight of the tribal folk against the unjust imposition of tax on the Kuruba tribal communities living in Kakanakote. The plot tells the story of the Kaka Nayaka who was instrumental in stopping the exploitation of tribal people in Mysore district against the tax payment from middlemen who were representing the ruling kingdom government.

A place situated at a distance of 73 kms from Mysore, Kakanakote is well-known for its thick forest and large number of wild elephants. This forest range, which is now a wildlife national park monitored and regulated by the State government, was named after the legendary Kaka Nayaka, who was the leader of the local forest dwelling Kuruba people.

The play opened with a melodious song of the tribals. Hegdes were the Palegaras working for the Mysore kings and collected taxes from the innocent lot not only in the form of money but also in kind such as honey, ivory, chickens, liquor and other forest produces from the forest region. The Hegdes misused the order of the king and collected more from the poor tribes and later gave the king only the stipulated amount, pocketing the rest themselves. Kaka, who worked in the royal stables of Mysore growing up, knew the ways of the corrupt officials and decides to stop them.

On his return to his village, he proclaims himself the leader of local forest dwelling and refuses to pay taxes to Hegdes, saying they would pay the dues directly to the king. This prompts the Hegdes to use muscle power to bring the tribals down but the clever Kaka attacks Hegdes' camp at night and kidnaps his only son and also the Karanika, who is an assistant of Hegde, so that with his only son in Kaka's power, the Hegdes dare not attack Kaka. But the story develops into a twist where Kaka's daughter falls in love with Hegde's son and when Kaka discourages this, the young couple decide to take drastic steps.

In the meanwhile, Kaka gets a letter written by Karanika to His Majesty the Mysore Maharaja, explaining the situation of the village and requests him to grace the village with his presence. The kind and considerate king concedes to Kaka's request and on his way, the king in disguise happens to meet the young couple who are running away from home. He promises to get them justice and brings them with him to the village.

While Kaka is overwhelmed with joy on seeing His Majesty, the deceptive character of Hegde in tax collection and of Karanika in writing a wrong letter to the king are revealed. Impressed by the bravery and wit of Kaka, the then Maharaja of Mysore names the forest after him and the place is known by the name Kakanakote henceforth. And the play ends with the wedding of the young couple.

The play closely followed the movie in dialogues, humour and action. The very popular songs of the movie 'Nesara Nodu' and 'Kari Haidanembonu Madeshwara' in addition to the other melodies were well received by the audience. Surprisingly all the actors were students of Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, who did an excellent job. The stage layout for the play was by H.K. Dwarakanath, music by Anush Shetty and Munna, lights by Mahesh Kalhatti and dance direction by Shambhavi Swamy.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Sanjana Kaushik's Hindustani music recital on Jan. 21

Mysuru, Jan. 19- Gayana Sabha, Mysuru, has organised Hindustani Classical Music Concert by Vidu. Sanjana Kaushik on Jan. 21 at Nrityagiri Auditorium, 16/1, Preethi Layout, Srirampura 3rd Stage, at 6 pm.

She will be accompanied by Vid. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Parameshwara Hegde on tabla.

Sanjana Kaushik

Sanjana Kaushik received her initial training from Vidu. Geeta Dutt. Later, she continued to train from Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath in Mysuru. She received arduous Talim in Kirana Gharana from Pt. Nagabhushan Hegde and Pt. J. Niranjan for many years. She also received guidance from Pt. Arun Kashalkar for a few years in Mumbai. She is currently in advanced training under Dr. Pournima Dhumale, Pune.

Being a musician, Graded Artiste of AIR and UGC NET Qualified, Sanjana is currently pursuing Ph.D in Hindustani Vocal Music. Also, she is serving as a Teacher of Hindustani Music at Atrium Academy, the virtual platform for music education.

Sanjana has performed at notable venues like Jaganmohan Palace, Canara Union, Bengaluru, Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Pune, Dadar Matunga Cultural Centre, Mumbai, to name a few.

She has won many State and National-level Competitions and has been felicitated and conferred with Awards like 'Kalakaar' and 'Bala Pratibha Ratna.'

Star Hyundai launches all-new Hyundai Creta

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, who launched the all-new Hyundai Creta in city recently, seen with Star Hyundai Managing Director Jayaram and his son Hemanth.

Mysuru, Jan. 19- Star Hyundai, a leading automotive dealership under the esteemed KPR Group, launched the highly anticipated all-new Hyundai Creta in city on Jan. 16.

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa launched the vehicle at an event that took place at the Star Hyundai Showroom on Bannimantap Road, Mysuru, in the presence of Star Hyundai Managing Director Jayaram, his sons Hemanth and Kaushik and the esteemed customers.

The Hyundai Creta, first introduced in 2014, has been a trailblazer in the Indian SUV market and holds the distinction of being the largest-selling SUV. With over 9 lakh satisfied customers, the Creta has become synonymous with the SUV lifestyle, with one Creta being sold every 5 minutes in the Indian market.

Exciting off-road display: The highlight of the event was the thrilling off-road set-up, showcasing the all-new Creta navigating challenging terrains. This immersive experience allowed attendees to witness the Creta's off-road capabilities first-hand, adding an adventurous and dynamic element to the launch celebration.

Speaking on the occasion, Jayaram said, "The new Hyundai Creta is a testament to our commitment to delivering cutting-edge technology and unparalleled driving experiences to our valued customers. We are confident that the Creta will continue to set new benchmarks in the SUV segment."

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  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Hanu-Man (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Hanu-Man (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Hanu-Man (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Hanu-Man (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Ayalaan (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Hanuman (Te)	(S-1)	9.25 am; (S-4) 7.20 pm
Hanuman (K)	(S-1)	7 pm, 10.10 pm; (S-2) 10 am
Hanuman (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm; (S-4) 1.15 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	12.25 pm; (S-2) 6.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.25 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Kadal (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Anyone But You (E)	(S-3)	10.55 am, 10.15 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
6 9 5 (H)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Barbarika (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Main Atal Hoon (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Hanu-man (Te)	:	10.30 am, 3.30 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	9.00 pm
Jotheyagiru (K)	:	10.30 am
Kaatera (K)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.50 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	1.05 pm, 3.40 pm
6 9 5 (H)	:	4.40 pm, 6.20 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	6.35 pm, 9.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm 3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	12.50 pm, 6.40 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	3.15 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	9.50 am, 4.10 pm, 10:15 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 6.35 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.55 am, 3.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 10 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	12 noon, 10.10 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	12.10 pm
The Bee-keeper (E)	:	1.55 pm, 7 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.30 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	3.20 pm
Anyone But You (E)	:	4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	:	7.10 pm

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Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	9 am, 12.55 pm, 7.15 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.35 am, 12 noon, 3.20 pm 6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	3.50 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Klaantha (K)	:	10.25 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.25 am
Kaatera (K)	:	11 am, 2.35 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	12.55 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	3.55 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.15 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 1.40 pm, 6 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-2)	3.10 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-4)	12.25 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	(S-2)	9.05 am; (S-4) 7.05 pm
Gunturu Kaaram (Te)	(S-4)	3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm; (S-3) 12.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 am
Hanu-man (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Hanu-man (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	(S-2)	12.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.50 am, 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Main Atal Hoon (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.30 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.40 am, 3 pm, 10 pm
Barbarika (K)	:	1.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm
Matthe Matthe (K)	:	4.25 pm
Klaantha (K)	:	4.30 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	6.40 pm
Kadal (2024) (K)	:	7.40 pm
Rangasamudra (K)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 19)

- **Navakarnataka Publications:** Inauguration of Book Expo and book release, writer and Mysore University Visiting Professor C. Naganna inaugurates and releases books *Daari Deepagalu, Jerusalem, Anjadiru Manave* and *Haadiya Hanategalu*, journalist and writer Ganesh Amingad and Assistant Professor Dr. Vinod of MMK&SDM College will speak about the books, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Lecture Series, Dr. Premkumar, Guest Lecturer, Maharaja's College, delivers talk, S. Lokesh, Warden, Post-Matric Boys Hostel (Additional), Srirampura, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, presides, Hostel premises, **6 pm.**
- **Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana - Sri Uttaradi Mutt:** Samagra Ramayana Discourse Series - Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya delivers discourse on 'Kishkinda Kaanda,' Sannidhana premises, Agrahara, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Pitilu Chowdiah Samsmarana Day Endowment, instituted by Pitilu Chowdiah Samsmarana Vedike (Mayura and Vid. Chandan Kumar), conferring of 'Dhanurvainika Brahma' title on Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy in memory of Pitilu Chowdiah by Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Mysuru; Violin Duet by Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy and Vidu. Padma Shankar. They will be accompanied by Vid. V.V. Ramana Murthy on mridanga and Vid. Tripunitura Radhakrishnan on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Pitilu Chowdiah, Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy & Vidu. Padma Shankar

- **Ganabharathi, Mysuru:** Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vidu. Hiranmayee, accompanied by Vidu. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Eshwar Bhat on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** Champaka Devaalaya Kalaa Utsava - Pushya Anka, Karnatak Music by Vidu. Usha Srinivas and disciples, Sri Mahalakshmi Temple, Dattagalli, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 20)

- **Department of Information Science and Engineering (ISE), Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE):** 'Infothon 2.0 — A national-level 24 hour hackathon,' L&T Technology Services Ltd. - Verification & Validation Head K.C. Ashok Kumar, chief guest, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, VVS Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar, VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda and VVCE Professor & ISE Head Dr. V. Ravi Kumar, guests of honour, Sri H. Kempegowda Indoor Sports Complex, VVCE premises, Gokulam, **9.30 am.**
- **COMED KARES Innovation Hub, Mysuru and The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru:** 'Envision 2024' - an exhibition of community solutions developed by students, NIE Principal Dr. Rohini Nagapadma and Vice-Principal Dr. M.S. Ganesh Prasad, will be present, Sir MV Auditorium, GJLTC, NIE South Campus, **10 am to 4 pm.** [Mob: 99459-96228]
- **Indian Dairy Association (IDA):** Platinum Jubilee Year of IDA, Best Women Dairy Farmer Award Ceremony, Dr. K.C. Veeranna, VC, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Science University, Bidar, M.K. Jagadish, Managing Director, KMF, Dr. R.S. Sodhi, President, IDA, New Delhi and Dr. Satish Kulkarni, former Head, National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) and Chairman, IDA, South Zone, guests of honour, auditorium, Karnataka Veterinary Council, Veterinary College Campus, Hebbal, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 98440-06736]
- **Parents Association of Deaf Children (PADC):** 43rd anniversary celebrations, Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar chief guest, APIT MD Dr. Shashikumar Thimmaiah and PADC President B. Lohiya special invitees, Wing Commander K.K. Srinivasan Auditorium, PADC premises, Bogadi, **2 pm.**
- **Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana - Sri Uttaradi Mutt:** Samagra Ramayana Discourse Series - Pt. Aniruddhacharya delivers discourse on 'Sundarakanda,' Sannidhana premises, Agrahara, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru:** 123rd cultural outreach programme, Dasavani programme by vocalist Vid. Dr. Vidyabhushana, accompanied by Vid. Pradesh on violin, Vid. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, BVB Mysuru, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Mahipalananda speaks on 'Svadhyaya in our spiritual journey,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kakanakote,' written by Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, directed by S. Ramanath, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
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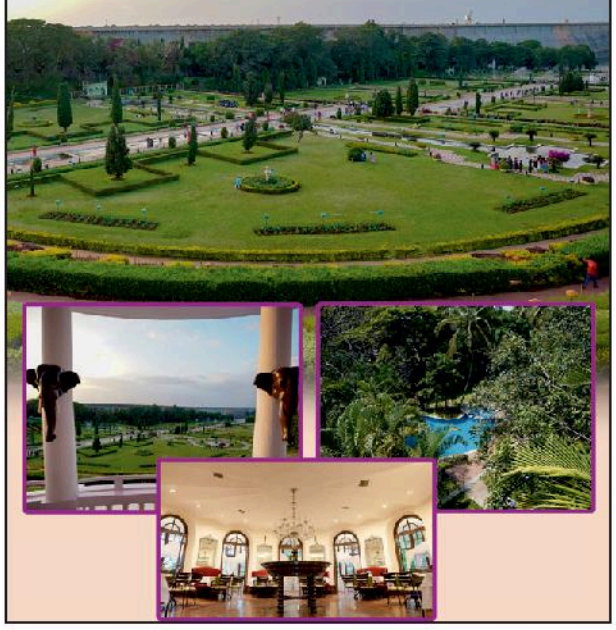

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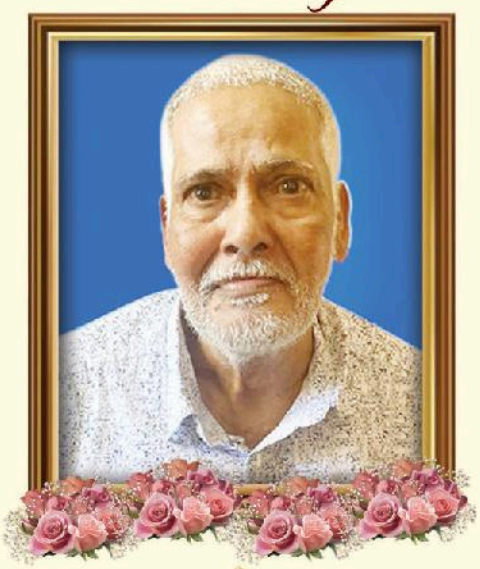

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